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Northampton, MA, Smith College, Special Collections, Mortimer Rare Book Collection, Ms. 225

Description: ff. 16 - The ms. has a contemporary inscription: Iste libellus est fratris thomassurii.

Notes:-Ms. account of the life of St. Clare of Assisi, including a prefatory letter and 29 chapters. Franciscan who was St. Francis's first biographer.

Number of Parts: 2 - *Number of Images Available:* 36

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/Ms.225_48

Language: [Latin] *Country:* Italy *Century:* 14th 12th

Part 1: 22 cm.

Description: - Parchment - Quires numbered 2 and 3 ("ii" ff. 1 and 8v, and "iii" on ff. 9 and 16v, within a circle formed of alternating red and text-ink colored "commas" and with four longer swirling lines in text-ink facing in the four directions, in the style used in Assisi; catchwords added in the lowermost area (catchword on f. 16v seems to read "ne stola," being the first words on the line of text added below the last ruled line?). Rubrics added by a much less capable scribe than the scribe of the text itself.

Country:

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Region:

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Assigned Date:

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1399

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Notes: Signatures: ii-iii. At one time may have been part of a larger volume. Written in brown ink in a gothic bookhand on vellum with headings and initials in red, and prickings still visible. Bound in a part leaf of an 11th- or early 12th-cent. Homiliary in Latin.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Thomas of Celano

Title: f. 1 verso

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Subjects: Clare, of Assisi, Saint, 1194-1253.; Clare, of Assisi, Saint, 1194-1253.; Christian saints--Italy--Assisi--Biography.; Christian saints.; Italy--Assisi.;

Language(s):

Incipit: Quasi vetera mundi senecta urgente, fidei caligabat visus, morum nutabat gressus, marcescebat virilium operum fortitudo

Explicit: iam pro vilitate cinerum regno beata celico eterne stola glorie decoratur. Explicit vita beate clare virginis.

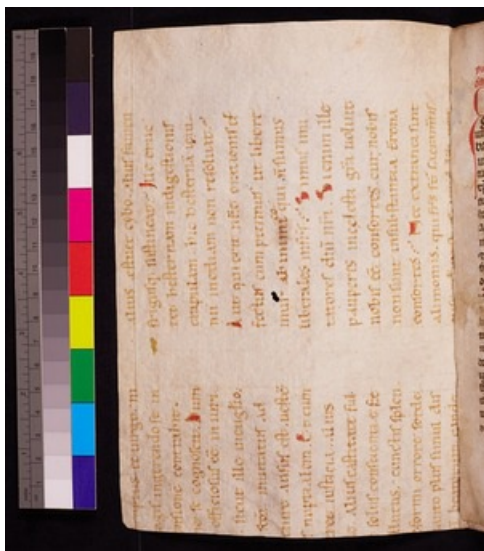
Notes: Acta sanctorum, ed. novissima, in the second volume for August (Paris and Rome 1867) for 12 August, "De sancta Clara virgine," vol. 36:754-765 by an anonymous author. Thomas of Celano was active in 1257.



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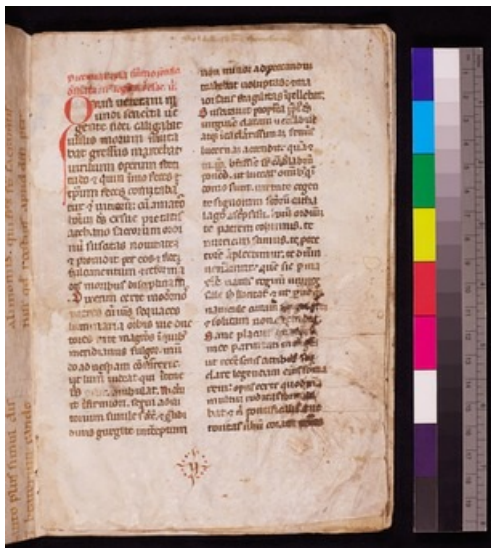
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f. 1 recto

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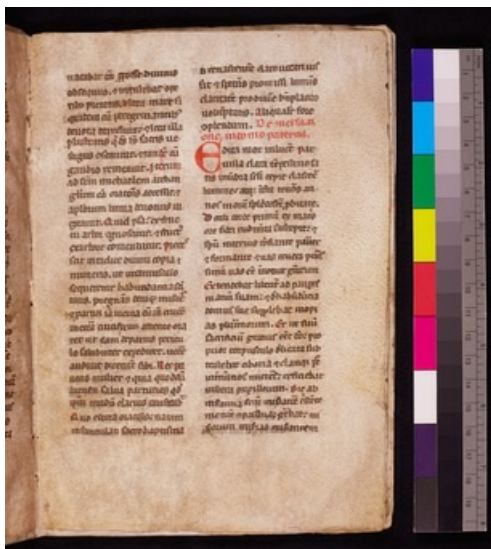
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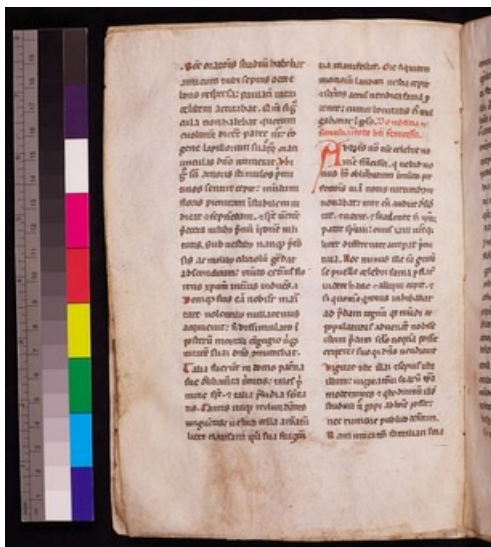
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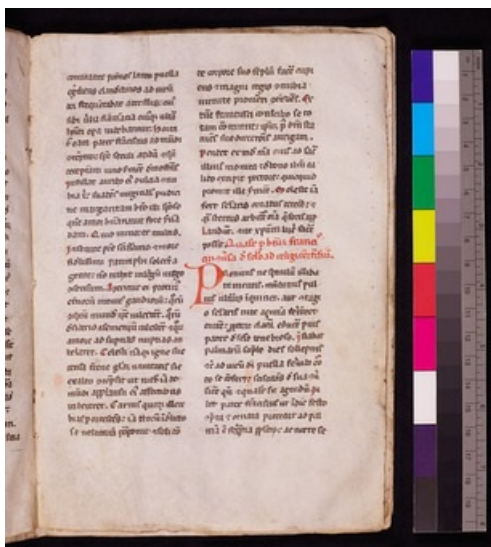
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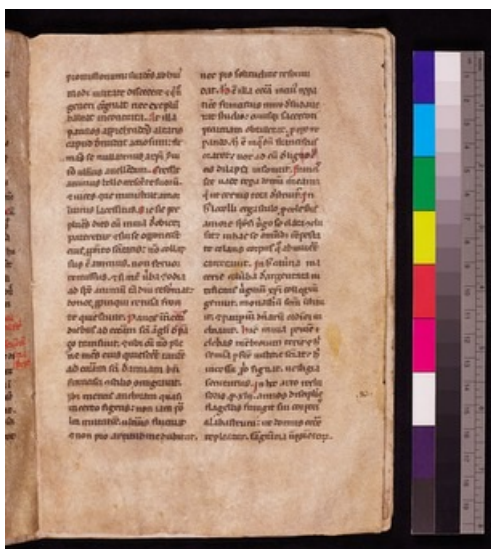
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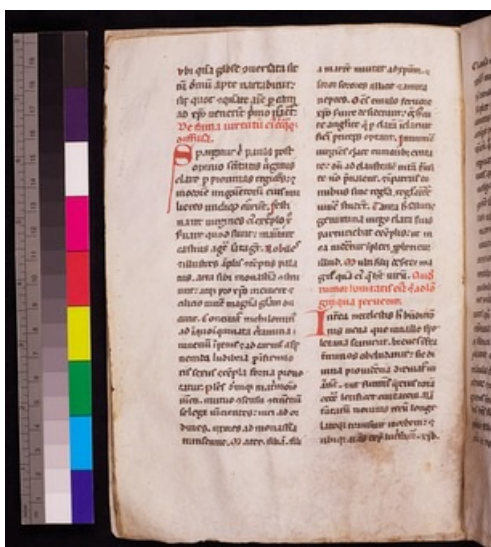
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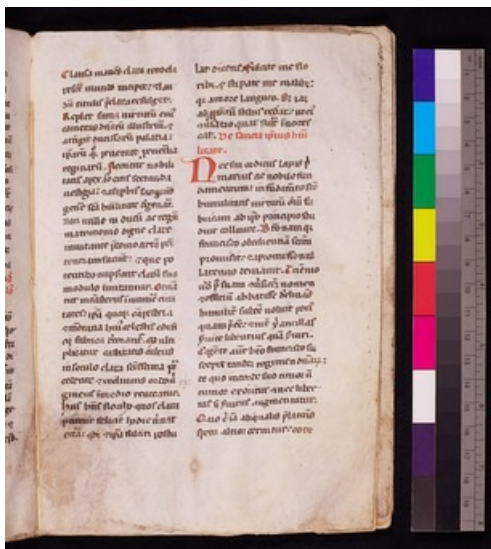
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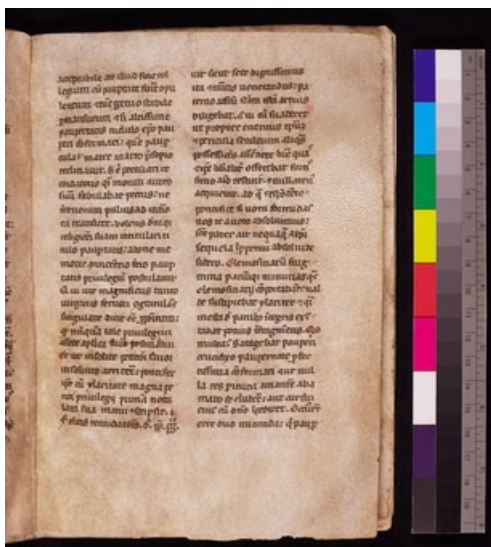
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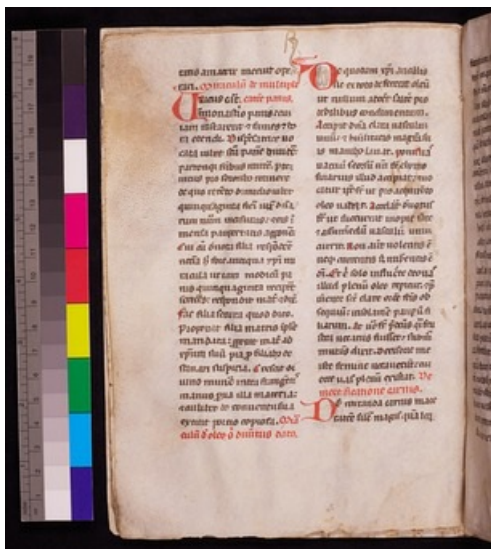
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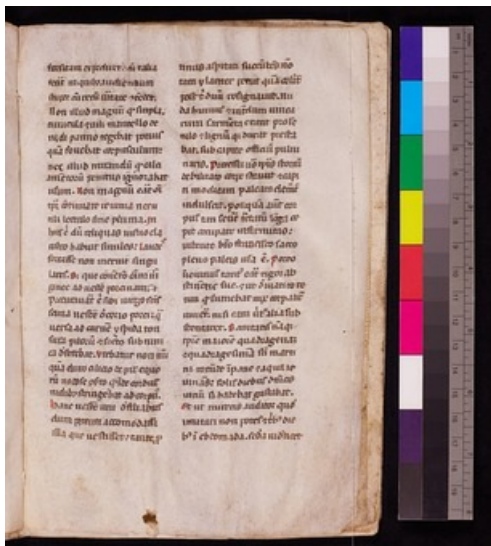
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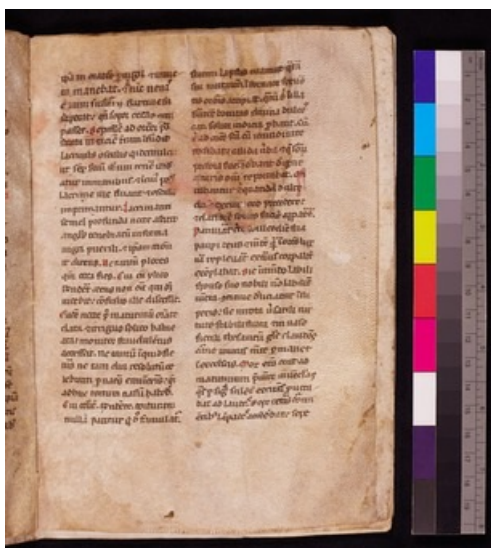
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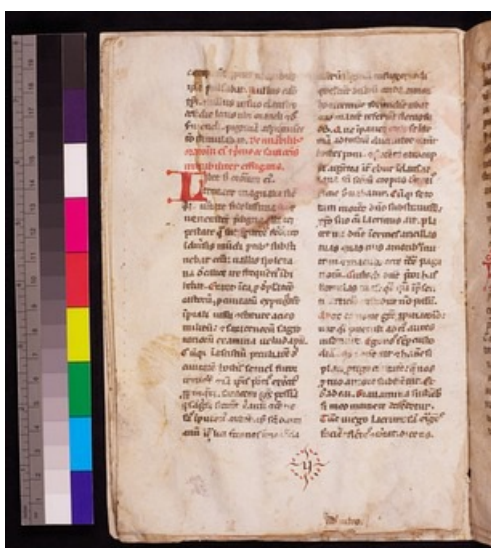
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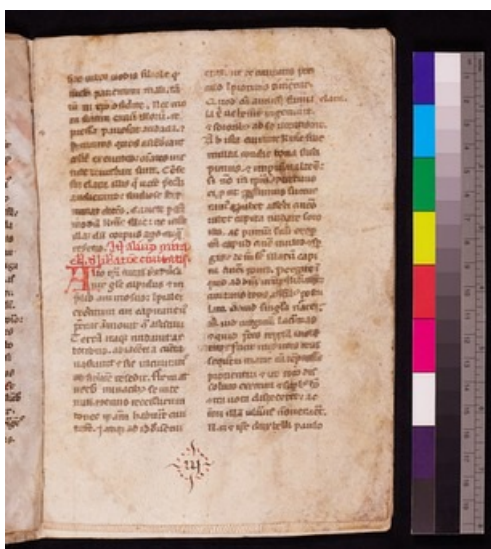
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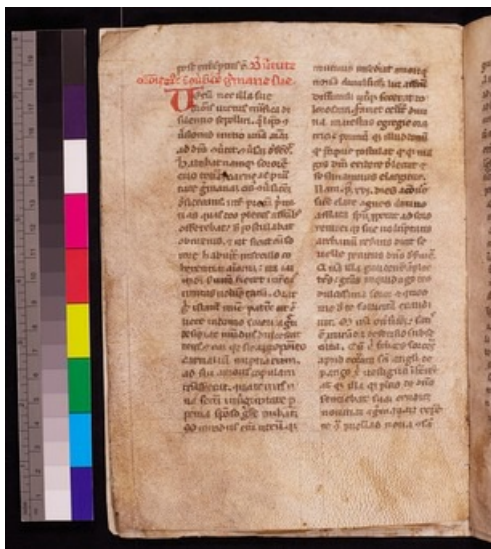
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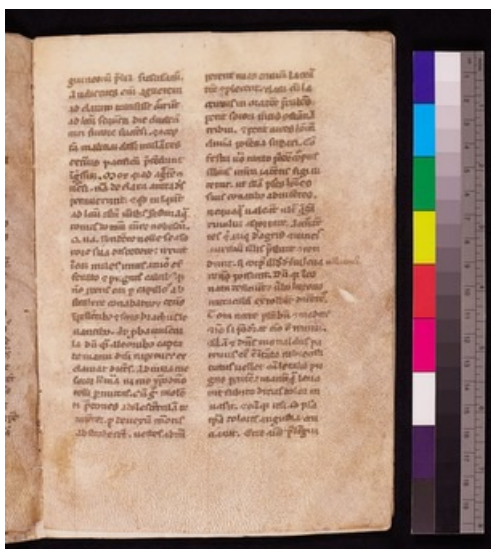
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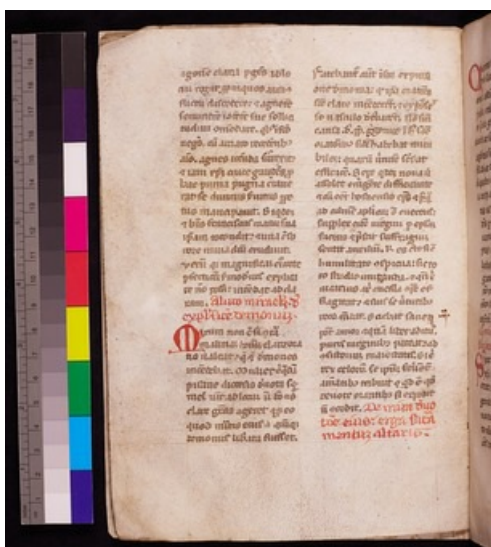
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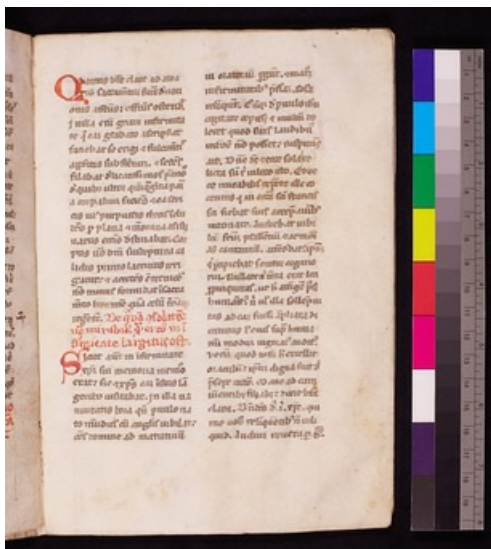
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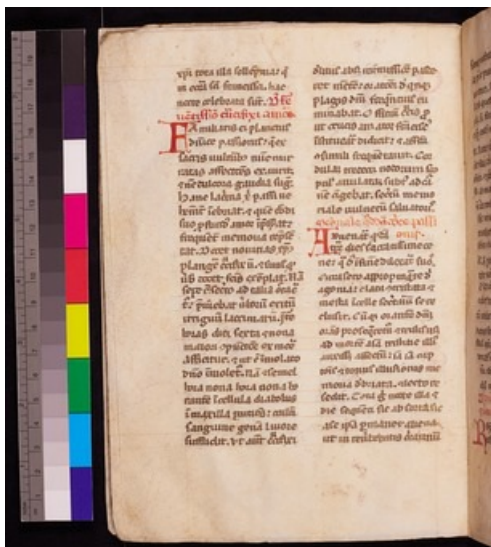
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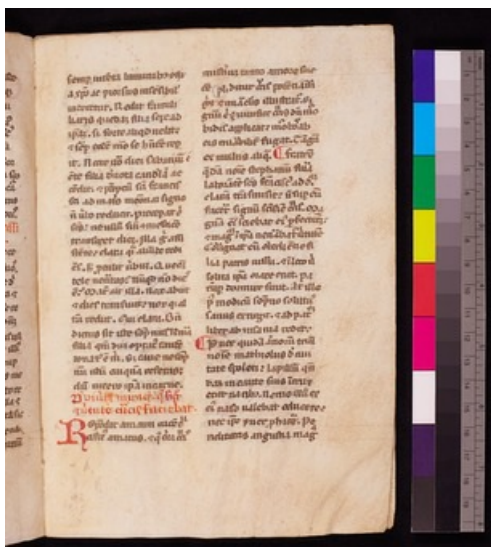
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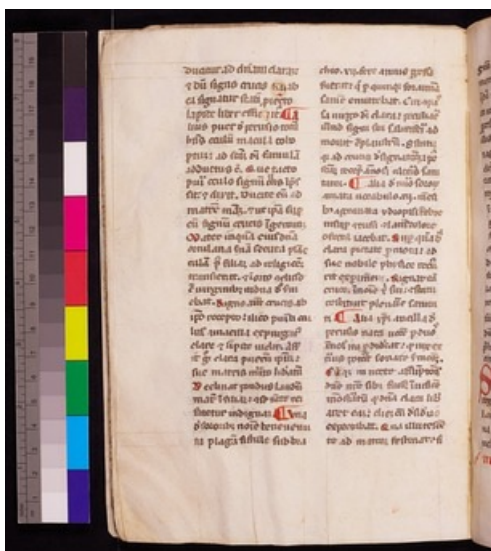
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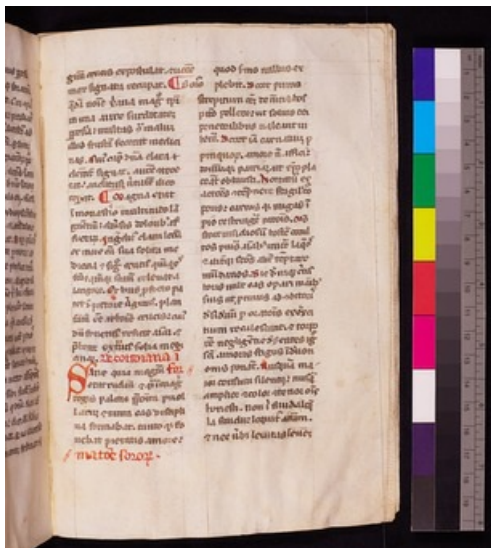
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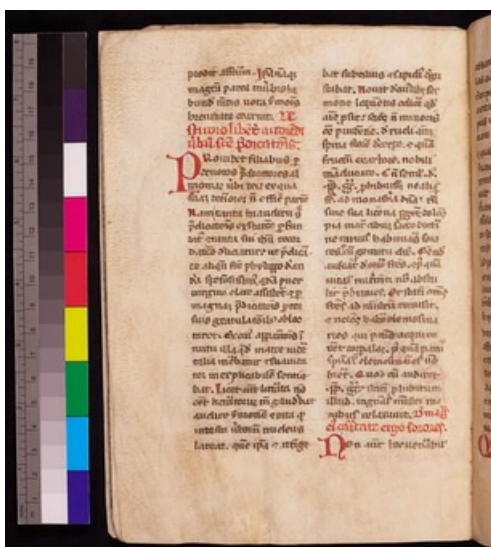
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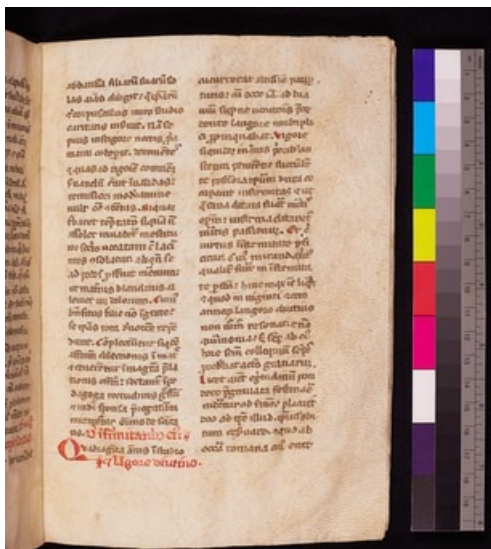
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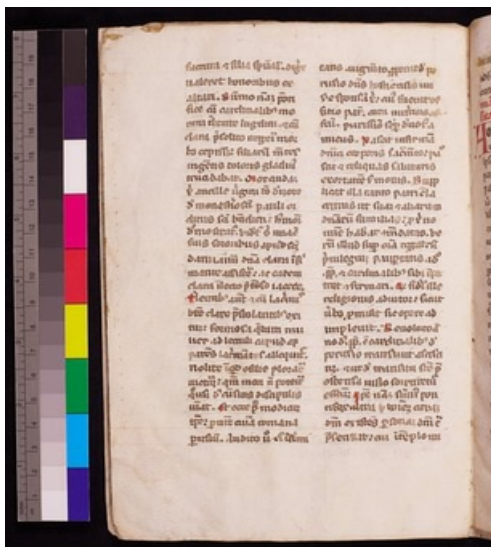
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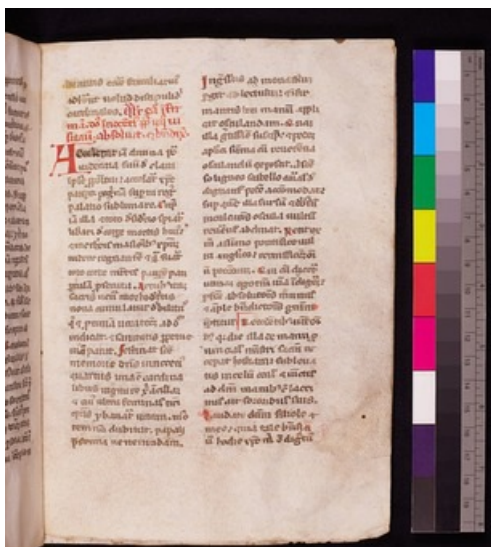
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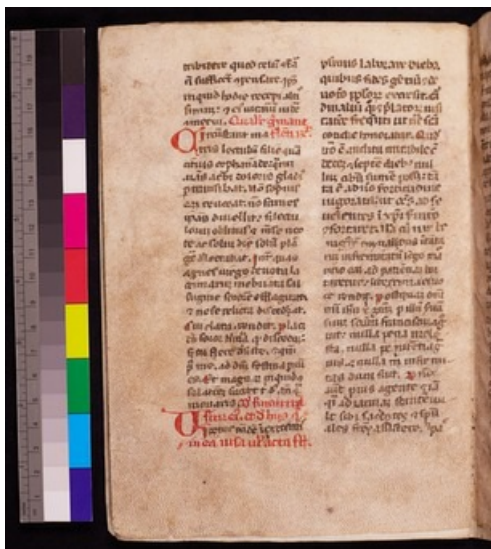
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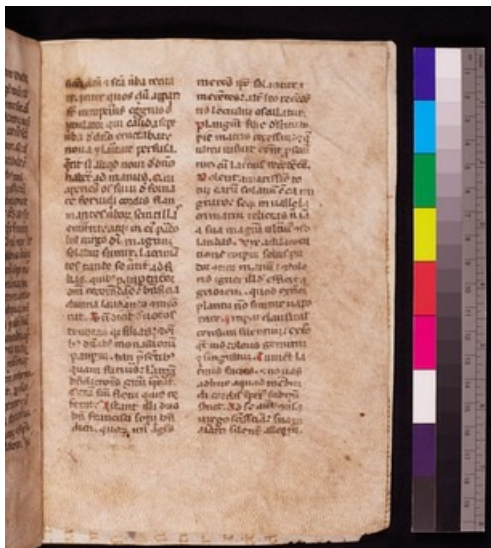
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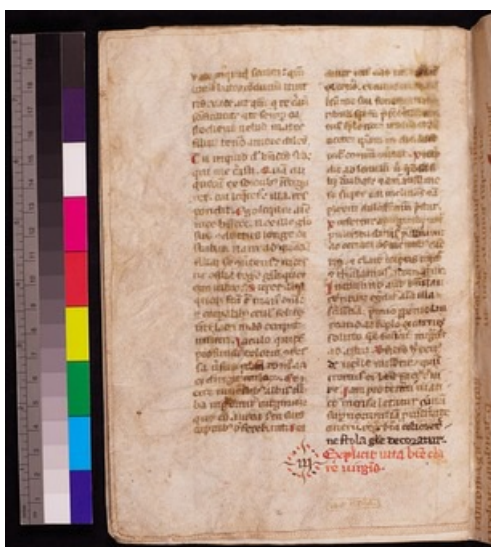
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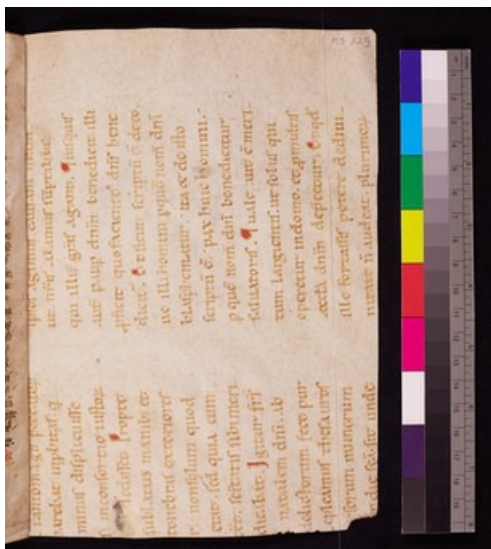
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Part 2: f. 1

Description: - Parchment - 220 in height - 2 columns of ca. 50 lines.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region: Italy

City:

Assigned Date: s. XII

Searchable Date Range: 1100 - 1199

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Protogothic

Other Decoration: Some initials touched in red.

Notes: Reverse of the leaf is not visible due to the binding of the booklet; the visible side functions here as a flyleaf placed perpendicularly to the main book.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: f. 1

Title: Homilies

Language(s): [Latin]

Incipit: //corruptus et virgo, nisi quod magis ingerendo se indignus offensionem contrahit . . .

Explicit: Et quod ille fortassis petere de divinitate non audeat plurimorum//

Notes: Maximus of Turin, Homilies, Winter, Homily I, Before Christmas; PL 57:224A-226A. With bits of the text missing due to the cropping of the first column to fit the leaf around the Life of St. Catherine; other parts are not visible in the photography since they fall underneath the spine of the Life of St. Catherine.